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The Earl of *Feversham*, His Majesties Lievtenant-General, was during the Action every where present, giving the necessary Orders with great Readiness and Conduct: My Lord *Churchil*, who Commanded next under him, likewise performed his part with all the Courage and Gallantry imaginable. The Duke of *Grafton*, and all the Commanders of Batallions and other Officers, behaved themselves with great Resolution and Bravery.

Of His Majesties Forces there were about 300 killed, and divers wounded, of whom a farther account will be given in a more particular Relation that will be published of this Action.

After the Field was cleared of the Rebels, the Earl of *Feversham* marched with 500 Foot, and some Horse and Dragoons to *Bridgwater*, the Rebels that were left there having fled and dispersed themselves in several places. His Lordship left these men in the Town, under the Command of Colonel *Kirk*; and hearing that the late Duke of *Monmouth* was fled with about 50 Horse, the greatest number of the Rebels that were left together, he sent out several Parties in pursuit of him.

My Lord *Feversham* intended to march yesterday with His Majesties Forces to *Wells*, and this day to *Bath*.

Whitehall, *July* 8.

This Morning the King received an account that the late Lord *Gray* was taken yesterday in a disguise at *Ringwood* on the Borders of *Dorsetshire*, and secured by my Lord *Lumley*: And His Majesty has been pleased to give order that the 500 *l.* promised in His late Majesties Proclamation of the 28th of *June* 1683. shall be paid to the Persons that took him.

Whitehall, *July* 8. at 12 a Clock at Night.

His Majesty has just now received an account, That the late Duke of *Monmouth* was taken this Morning in *Dorsetshire*, being hid in a Ditch, and that he is in the hands of my Lord *Lumley*, and now in the Tower.

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